

REMARKS

The Examiner rejects claims 1-14, 15-18, and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Kloosterman et al. (US 2003/0189726) in view of Dang (US 7,007,231).

However, Applicants respectfully disagree, because of substantial differences between Kloosterman and new claim 24. First, as Applicants pointed out already by remarks in "Amendment B" dated March 2nd, 2009, the Examiner relies on the job ticket definitions in his assertion that the content objects 18 has a list which sends the resource datasets to the data processing device. But the job ticket data, also referred to as product intent data, as described at paragraphs 31 and 94 of Kloosterman, really identify which media to use, how to impose sheets, identifying a feed sheet is being one sided or two sided, or the type of finish. This has nothing to do with the resource list used by the resource administration unit as claimed in claim 24 to send the resource datasets to the data processing device. To the contrary, In claim 24 the administration unit static resource data can be properly used and transferred to the print server device. However in Kloosterman, the job ticket is limited to data indicating how the data are processed in an output system.

On page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Kloosterman Fig 1a discloses a process wherein data from the recipient database 16 is combined with static control content data that is contained in content objects 18 to produce the merged instance objects. However, such merging control still does not disclose that a resource list is generated as claimed in claim 24.

Furthermore, claim 24 clearly differs from Kloosterman by reciting that the resource list is transferred by a resource administration unit from a first computer to a print server device. To the contrary, Kloosterman discloses processes for data

processing, but there is no computer hardware and software structure comprising a computer, a print server device, as well as a generation unit and resource administration unit in accordance with claim 24. In claim 24, by generation and use of the resource list, the advantage results that in such a computer device structure all resources can be properly transferred from the computer to the print server device, in particular if resources access secondary resources which also need to be transferred. This was a serious problem in prior art systems as described in Applicants' specification pages 1 to 3 (3rd par) and on page 5, (2nd par).

Current new claim 24 provides that within the resource list at least one resource data is marked as being external and that such resource data set is not transferred from the administration unit to the print server device. Thereby the advantage is attained that resources which already reside in the print server can be excluded from transmission and thus transmission time and resources can be saved.

As a further distinguishing feature claim 24 recites supplying variable data independent from the resource data sets to the print server device. In Kloosterman, content objects 18 and recipient data base data 16 are clearly forwarded to merging process 14 in one pass: *"The VDP authoring application looks at one record at a time from the recipient database 16, and generates a single Instance Document by using the template containing static and variable images, graphics and text"* - see Kloosterman fig 1a and par [0039]. There is no disclosure within Kloosterman to transmit resource data sets from a generation unit independently to a print server, controlled by a resource list, and storing them there, before they get merged with variable data. Dang does not disclose these distinguishing features missing in Kloosterman. Dang only generally discloses static and variable data but does not disclose the details recited and discussed above in claim 24 missing in Kloosterman.

Ohta discloses a print system comprising a client apparatus and a print server apparatus. However, he does not disclose the distinguishing features mentioned above.

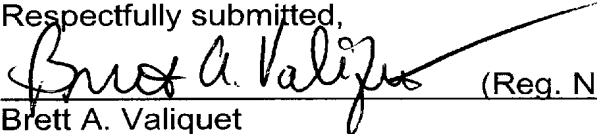
Dependent claims 25-40 distinguish at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 24 and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

New system claim 41 distinguishes at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 24. Dependent claim 42 is allowable at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 41 and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

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